

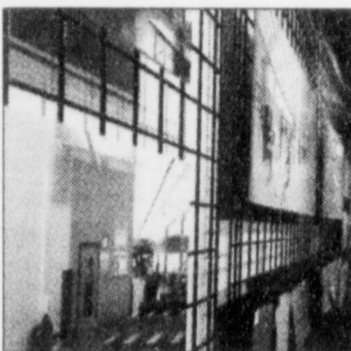
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# Revolt in face of racism



CASSANDRA J. CARLSON MUSTANG DAILY

Students and faculty gathered to protest what they call hate speech at the crop house, a university housing complex for horticulture and crop science students.

## It's 'a nightmare,' say crop house residents

Rachel Glas

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"It's like a nightmare, I just want to go to sleep and have this to not have happened," said Steve, an anguished look on his face.

Steve, whose name has been changed to protect his identity, lives at the crop house, the house that ignited a storm of controversy and protest Thursday when The New Times reported that a noose and Confederate flag were displayed on the outside of the residence, along with a table painted with the Confederate flag.

He, along with three of his housemates, disagree with the way the incident was portrayed in The New Times. The four allowed two Mustang Daily reporters to hear their side of the story in order "to come clean."

So under the cover of darkness, several of the residents met with the reporters in a desolate shed off Mt. Bishop Road under the condition of anonymity. For the sake of clarifying the different speakers, the sources have been given fictitious names.

"I want to get it across that no one in the house is racist," said a resident we'll call Jack. "We know it was stupid and immature and ignorant that it got put up; we're not trying to downplay it, but it does not represent who we are."

The noose, the group said, was simply a prop that came from the corn maze, an activity they all helped to put on. They claimed they didn't know the identity of the flag owner.

"Someone without our knowledge came to the house with the props and put them up," Steve said.

"It was up less than 24 hours," Jack added, though he later said the props were displayed from Saturday night to Monday morning. They said they didn't know who put up the props nor who took them down.

When asked why it took nearly a day for the props to be removed, a student

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## Hundreds protest, college claims acts protected

Cassandra J. Carlson

MUSTANG DAILY

When news came out about a noose, a confederate flag and allegations of a sign that read racial and gay slurs, hundreds of Cal Poly students and faculty joined together wearing black shirts in response to the on-campus crop science house members who allegedly committed the offenses at recent weekend parties.

The crop house is a subsidized house for crop science students to live while they work for the campus crop unit.

Brad Pupura, a student leader of the protest at University Union Hour on Thursday, addressed the crowd before a band played, informing everyone about the incident and the reasoning behind the protest.

"This is on-school property and it is hate speech," said Pupura, a graphic communication senior. "They are just getting a slap on the wrist and issuing an apology. It's absurd and I'm dumbfounded."

He said that Cal Poly should foster an environment of acceptance.

"Cal Poly should have been proactive and not reactive. This is completely uncalled for. It's 2008."

Peter Wade, city and regional planning and chapter president for the Society of Black Engineers and Scientists, said that those protesting want a town hall meeting with Cal Poly President Warren Baker and faculty to share and brainstorm solutions.

During the hour of protest, a petition accumulated about 150 signatures for the expulsion of the students living in the crop science house and those involved with the disputed materials.

"We think that what they did was a threat and we do not consider it free speech," Wade said.

Camille O'Bryant, associate professor and department chair of kinesiology, held a sign that read "End Racism Now."

"I wasn't there, but I absolutely condemn the idea that anyone feels it is OK to write derogatory terms and post them in public," Bryant said. "People are unaware of

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# Sigma Nu races ducks for a good cause

Jennifer Titcomb

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The rubber duckies have escaped the bathtub and are preparing to head down San Luis Creek.

Sigma Nu's first annual Ducky-Derby will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in San Luis Creek at Mission Plaza.

The Ducky-Derby will feature music, food, a silent auction and of course a rubber ducky race.

The top 15 ducks to cross the finish line will receive prizes from the event sponsors: Moondoggies, Vieni Vai, popchips, Sartori Pearls, Tennis Warehouse, Country Culture Yogurt and Pacific Beverage.

The owner of the lucky ducky that wins first

place will receive a 42" flat screen TV.

Political science junior, cancer survivor, and Ducky-Derby co-chair, Alex Cunny got the idea for the race from his hometown of Napa, which used to have a similar race.

"I started thinking about how much money we could make off of it, because the ducks are so cheap, and it just kind of snowballed from there," Cunny said.

The cause is near to his heart as he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma at age 16.

"I started working with Relay For Life and that really inspired me to get more involved and think a little bit more out of the box," he said. "I also get a scholarship from the American Cancer Society so I definitely felt like it was my duty to give back and

definitely bring something new."

Planning for the event started in July.

"Sigma Nu has a national convention every two years and we came back from it and were like, 'We really need to do something for big philanthropy to raise money for an organization,'" said Ducky-Derby co-chair and architecture senior Derrick Homer.

After the initial idea was created, they worked on graphics for fliers and logistics behind the race. One important test was to see whether all 3,000 rubber ducks could float down the creek at the same time. "We've gone out and we've actually tested it a couple times," Homer said.

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## Students

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we'll call Andrew said the Confederate flag's meaning didn't immediately hit him.

"I mean, the thing is, none of us are from the South. What it meant to me is rebel youthism," he said. He said the first time he saw the flag was in the television show "The Dukes of Hazzard" when he was younger.

They said they had borrowed the table painted

with the flag from a friend for a party they had Saturday night.

"We asked to borrow one from a friend and he brought it over, picked it up and took it away," Jack said.

The New Times also stated that the house had previously displayed a sign with racist and homophobic slurs, but the residents say this isn't true.

"We did not put it up, we didn't make it, we didn't ask anyone to make it, we never saw it, we know nothing about that sign; if someone else put it up and took it down, we don't know," Jack said.

They said the only sign was one they displayed more than a month ago that read, "no drugs, no hippies, no liberals, no Obama."

Industrial technology senior Tom Sullivan, who says he attended that party and saw the sign, confirmed the wording.

"It wasn't racist whatsoever ... it simply had a political point of view, which everyone has, whether we agree or not," he said.

Not wanting to "get tangled up in this," Sullivan said, "I'm not trying to cover up for these guys; I'm not a racist. I just feel that people are reacting to this too quickly without getting the facts, based from irresponsible reporting."

Even so, he acknowledges that the flags "looked bad."

The residents insist that they do not hold racist views.

"We have friends that are black, Hispanic, one of the guys here even dates a girl that is Hispanic. We are not like some neo-Nazi group," Jack said.

They also mentioned that despite some rumors, women and minorities have lived in the house.

"We've had multiple minorities in the last few years, we've had women in the last few years," Andrew said.

They ask Cal Poly students to wait for more information before they judge.

"Whoever did this is screwing up somebody's actual family life," said another resident.

"It's messing up our college," Steve added. "It feels out of our control."

Cassandra J. Carlson contributed to this story.



CASSANDRA J. CARLSON  
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Brad Purpura and Peter Wade (above) speak against what they describe as racist objects at the crops house. Protestor Allison Marin holds a sign and hugs a friend in a silent protest.



## Protest

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the multiplicity to the symbols without awareness to them. That's a problem for me."

For now, Cal Poly is standing by the decision that this is a free speech issue.

Provost Robert Koob first learned about the incident with the noose and flag on Tuesday evening after a reporter for The New Times called John Peterson, Cal Poly department head of horticulture and crop science, for comments on the incident.

Koob said that an unknown female student visiting the crop science house felt uncomfortable about what she saw and described and gave information to the New Times, a San Luis Obispo weekly paper.

"(The incident) appears to be true and we don't approve of it," Koob said. "My first reaction was: What are we going to do to punish them?"

But the Cal Poly administration will not be taking any legal action against those students involved since the First Amendment supports their right to voice their opinions.

"We learned that it's a protective element of free speech so we aren't able to take any punitive actions," Koob said. "So

what we are doing is to work with those students to first, understand their motivation and second, to help them understand how hurtful that is to a large number of people."

Koob said that the students have also broken the trust of the university by using the house that they are allowed to reside in for such an event.

Peterson, who visited the crop science house after he learned about the event, talked to the students about what exactly happened.

"The students admitted that it was not good, stupid and wrong," Peterson said, adding that the hanging skeleton, he was told, was a Halloween decoration. "They said it was a foolish rebellion and ruthless behavior."

Peterson said that the students living at the house were unsupervised at the time, but that is going to change.

"We absolutely need to be on an enhanced level of oversight," he added, emphasizing that the students' actions do not reflect the values of the department.

Peterson said that the students told him that the noose was part of the Halloween decorations and emphasized that their actions do not reflect the values of the department.

"We have a high level of respect and regard for diversity in its fullest scope."

Rachel Glas contributed to this report.

## Ducks

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"There was quite a bit of people just actually coming out just to watch that," Cunny said.

Sigma Nu plans on having a Ducky-Derby every year from now on. With all the plans in place Cunny said he hopes this event will become Sigma Nu's flagship philanthropy.

"We are definitely planning on keeping and reusing the ducks and continuing to put it on every year. It makes it easier when it is successful the first year and then everybody wants to keep doing it," Homer said.

Other members of Sigma Nu have been helping out too, specifically with the sales aspect of the event.

"We have had a lot of help especially from our new pledge class selling ducks," Cunny said.

The ducks have been on sale during UU hour, outside of Scolari's, at Farmer's Market and online. However, it is not too late to buy ducks for the race. They will be accepting donations up until the actual contest.

Each duck costs \$5 with proceeds going to Relay For Life which benefits the American Cancer Society.

"We are hoping on Saturday afternoon we are going to draw a lot of the downtown crowd in and it is just going to be a fun event. You don't have to commit an entire day you can just come out for a little while," Cunny said.

If that isn't good enough Homer asks, "When else are you going to see maybe 3,000 ducks floating down San Luis Creek?"

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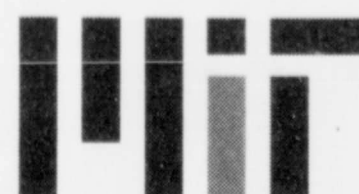
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# Iraq wants all US troops gone by end of 2011

Robert H. Reid

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BAGHDAD — Iraq wants to eliminate any chance U.S. forces will stay here after 2011 under a proposed security pact and to expand Iraqi legal jurisdiction over U.S. troops until then, a close ally of the prime minister said Thursday.

Those demands, which were presented to U.S. officials this week, could derail the deal — delivering a diplomatic blow to Washington in the final weeks of the Bush administration.

Failure to reach an agreement before year's end could force a suspension of American military operations, and U.S. commanders have been warning Iraqi officials that could endanger security improvements.

The current draft, hammered out in months of tortuous negotiations, would have U.S. soldiers leave Iraq by Dec. 31, 2011, unless the two governments agreed to an extension for training and supporting Iraqi security forces.

But Ali al-Adeeb, a member of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's inner circle, said the government wants that possibility excluded by language adding finality to the end of 2011 date.

"The Iraqi side wants to remove any mention of a possible extension of U.S. troops, fearing that the existing clause might be subject to misinterpretation or could bear different interpretation," he told The Associated Press.

Otherwise, he said the U.S. might demand an extension "depending on their evaluation" of the security situation and the state of readiness within Iraq's army and police. U.S. officials have privately suggested 2012 is too early for Iraqi forces to be truly ready to maintain order.

The draft also gives Iraqi courts limited jurisdiction over U.S. troops, allowing them to be prosecuted by Iraqis only if they are accused of major crimes committed off post and off duty.

Al-Adeeb said the Iraqis want to add a provision for a joint U.S.-Iraqi committee to decide whether U.S. soldiers accused of such crimes were really on authorized missions.

Planning Minister Ali Baban, a Sunni, added that the Iraqis want jurisdiction over all U.S. soldiers and contractors unless they are carrying out joint military operations approved by Iraqis



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An Iraqi policeman walks in front of a damaged car from a roadside bomb in Palestine Street eastern Baghdad, Iraq on Thursday. A roadside bomb exploded Wednesday night in eastern Baghdad, targeting a police patrol, killing three civilians and injuring 14 others, police said.

— a subtle but significant change to the draft that U.S. authorities may find unacceptable.

Iraqi officials have said the changes must be made in the draft agreement before it can be approved by parliament in time for the Dec. 31 expiration of a U.N. Security Council mandate un-

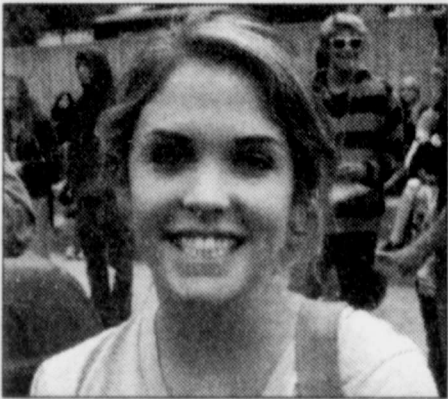
der which coalition troops operate in Iraq.

Without an agreement or a new U.N. mandate, the U.S. military would have to suspend all operations in Iraq after that.

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## WORD ON THE STREET

"What should happen to the students who were involved in the 'racially charged' Crops House incident?"

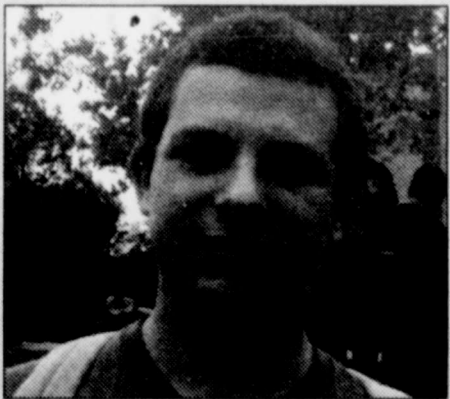


"I think expulsion would be OK. Or maybe they shouldn't be allowed to live at that house. Something needs to happen."

— Lindsay Engel  
business senior

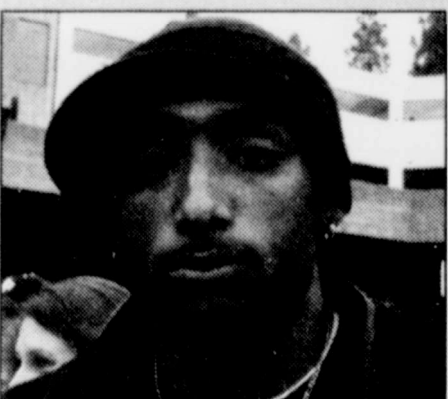
"I couldn't even imagine this happening in California in 2008. They should be punished but I don't even know where to start."

— Carter Moar  
economics sophomore



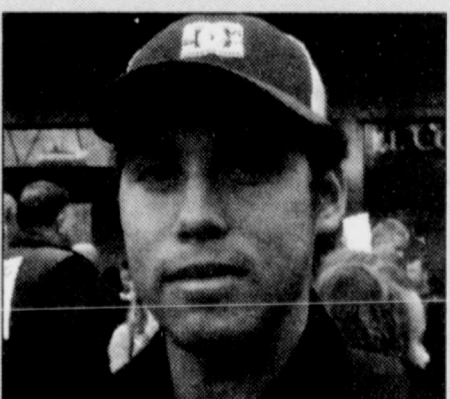
"They should be expelled straight up. There's a certain line between freedom of speech and putting a noose up there."

— LJ Lumpkin  
psychology junior



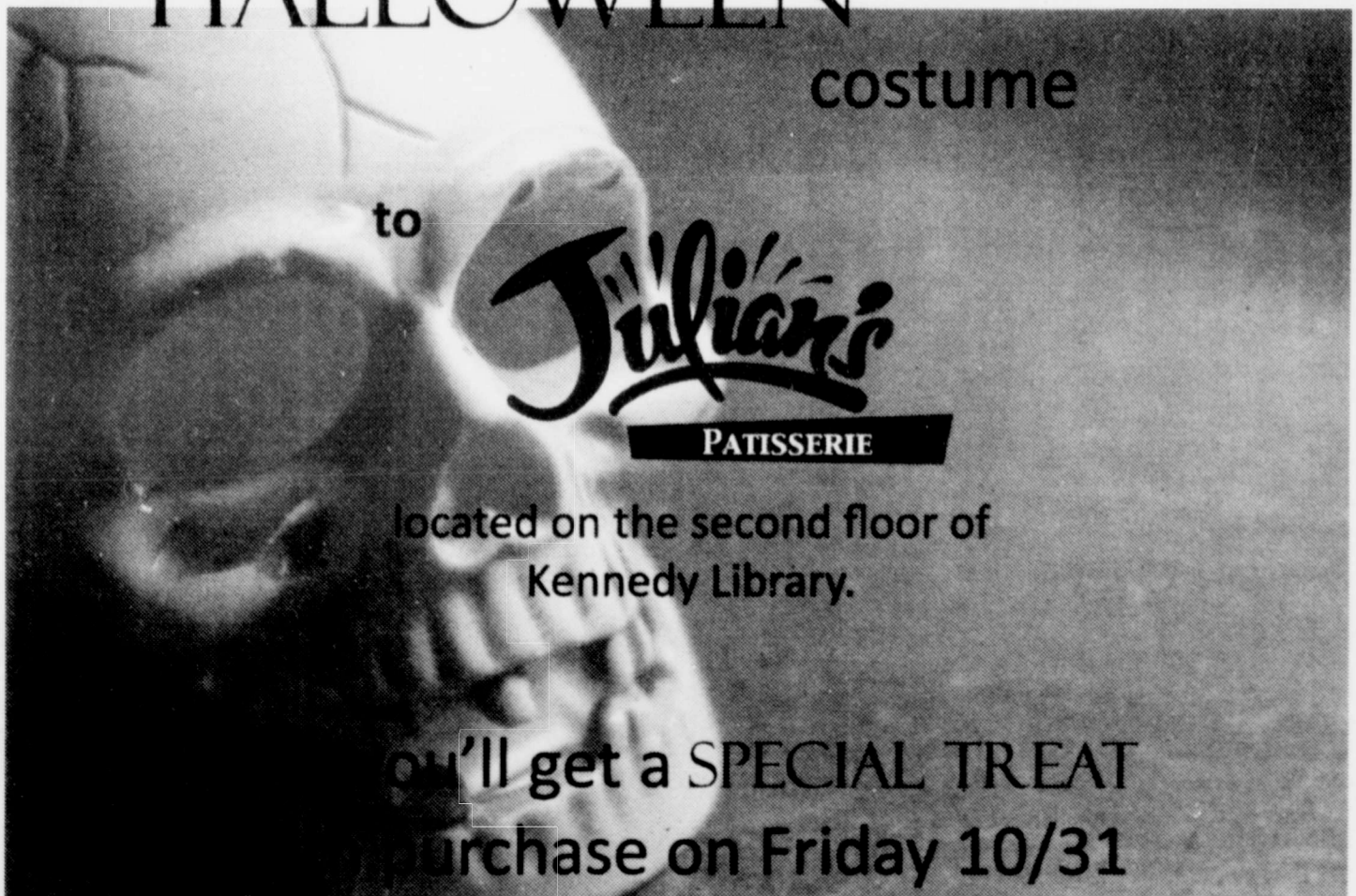
"I don't think a slap on the hand is enough. That's all I'm going to say."

—Nolberto Marroquin  
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## Iraq

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"We are waiting for a response from the U.S. negotiators on how much they can accommodate," Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari told CNN. "I think both sides here have reached the moment of truth. The time window is closing, and a decision has to be made as soon as possible."

But the Bush administration's hope to secure the deal while in office was fading with the new Iraqi demands, despite White House assurances that an agreement was still possible.

U.S. officials in Washington refused to discuss possible alternatives to securing a deal, saying they were still reviewing Iraq's proposed amendments that were received Wednesday.

But officials bristled at suggestions the negotiations could be reopened and said the U.S. was not yet considering asking the Security Council to extend the U.N. mandate.

"Once we have something to say on it, we will," State Department spokesman Robert Wood told reporters in Washington. "But for the moment, we're just taking our time in reviewing it to make sure that we've got a good sense of what it is the Iraqis have put forward."

Privately, however, U.S. officials were growing pessimistic about chances for a deal. Failure to seal a deal with Iraqi politicians who owe their position to the 2003 U.S.-led invasion would be a huge embarrassment to President Bush, whose administration was largely defined by the war.

In Baghdad, U.S. military officials have urged the Iraqis to consider what could happen here if the U.S. suspended military operations, warning that the security gains won by the blood of American and Iraqi soldiers would be at risk.

Violence is down sharply after the Sunni revolt against al-Qaida in Iraq and the routing of Shiite militias in Baghdad and southern Iraq last spring.

But U.S. and other coalition forces also provide considerable help to Iraqi ministries in infrastructure and quality of life projects that would have to stop — along with control of the airspace and protection of Iraq's oil export facilities in the Persian Gulf.

"There's really no area that we as a coalition ... operate in that is not governed by legal authority," the U.S. military spokesman, Brig. Gen. David Perkins, told reporters.

He said the American military presence enables other international organizations, including the United Nations, and private groups to do their jobs.

"These things are all interrelated," Perkins said. "You pull one pillar out, you seriously degrade the efforts of others."

Despite the drop in violence, attacks are continuing daily.

On Thursday, a car bomb exploded near a market in north Baghdad, killing one person and wounding five, police said.

The blast occurred about a half hour after a roadside bomb went off near a police patrol at an intersection in the Fudhailiya area of east Baghdad, wounding six people, including three policemen, officials said.

## State

**SACRAMENTO (AP)** — The state said Thursday it would cut water deliveries to their second lowest level ever, prompting warnings of water rationing for cities and less planting by farmers.

The Department of Water Resources announced it will deliver just 15 percent of the amount that local water agencies throughout California request every year. That marks the second lowest projection since the first State Water Project deliveries were made in 1962.

Farmers in the Central Valley say they'll be forced to fallow fields, while cities from the San Francisco Bay area to San Diego might have to impose mandatory water rationing.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — NASA's Phoenix Mars spacecraft regained contact with Earth more than a day after falling silent, but its days operating on the red planet are numbered, mission managers said Thursday.

Waning sunlight and a dust storm earlier this week drained the lander's power, forcing it to go into safe mode. It failed to respond to two wake-up calls from Earth, but sent a signal late Thursday when the orbiting Odyssey spacecraft passed overhead.

## Briefs

### National

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Police say a 61-year-old man has died after setting himself on fire in a crowded plaza at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Authorities say the man who set himself ablaze Thursday was a former staff member but don't know what his job was, when he left, or why.

The man was taken to a hospital with severe burns. Several bystanders tried to smother the flames with jackets and other clothing. The King County medical examiner's office has not identified the man.

**ERIE, Pa. (AP)** — Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin said Thursday that Democrat Barack Obama offered few national security specifics in the infomercial he broadcast the night before, accusing him of trying to "soften the focus" in the campaign's final days.

The Alaska governor said Obama had "wrapped his closing message in a warm and fuzzy scripted infomercial intended to soften the focus in these closing days. He's hoping that your mind won't wander to the real challenges of national security, challenges that he isn't capable of meeting."

Obama spent about \$4 million on a half-hour campaign commercial broadcast Wednesday night on several network and national cable stations.

### International

**LONDON (AP)** — World stock markets were stronger Thursday led by rallies in Asia and Latin America after the U.S. Federal Reserve said it would supply new lines of credit to Brazil, Mexico, South Korea and Singapore to help them deal with the global credit crisis.

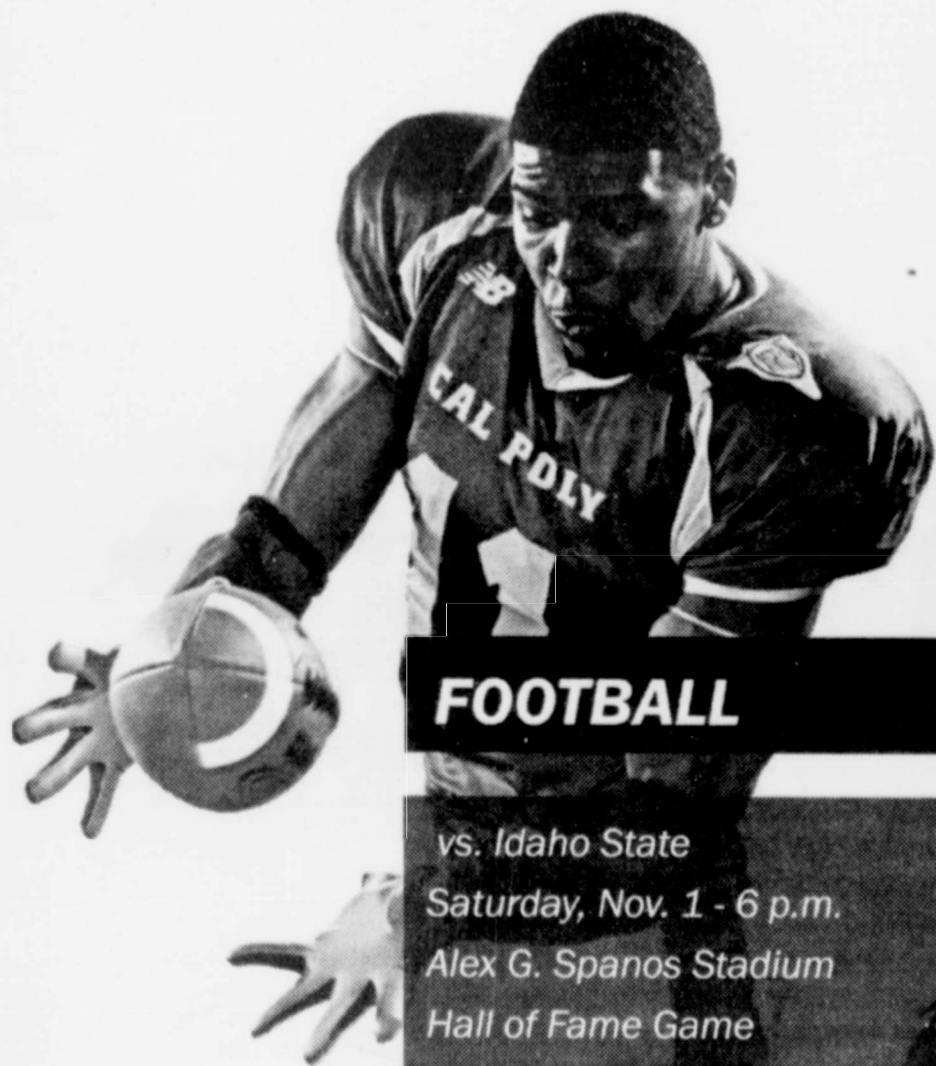
Gains were more moderate in Europe, however, where focus appeared more set on U.S. data that showed the economy shrank in the third quarter.

But the Commerce Department's report that gross domestic product fell at an annual rate of 0.3 percent during July-September period was taken in stride on Wall Street, where the Dow industrials finished up 189.73, or 2.11 percent, to 9,180.69.

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — The Vatican issued new psychological screening guidelines for seminarians Thursday — the latest effort by the Roman Catholic Church to be more selective about its priesthood candidates following a series of pedophile scandals.

The church said it issued the new guidelines to help church leaders weed out candidates with "psychopathic disturbances." Sex abuse scandals by pedophile priests have rocked the church in recent years, triggering lawsuits that have cost hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements.

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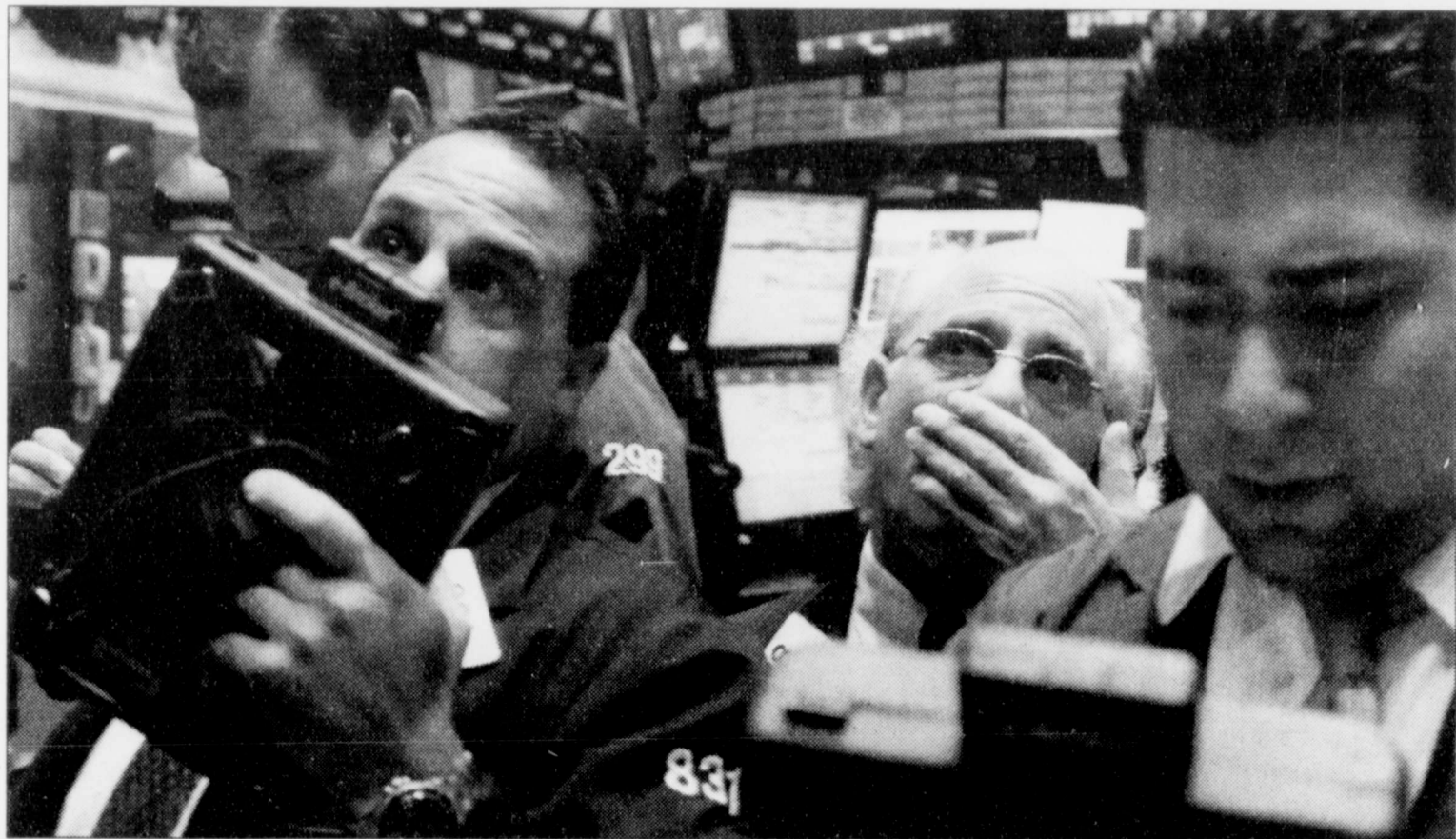


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## Economy jolts into decline; bad recession seen

Jeannine Aversa

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WASHINGTON — Scared and out of money, Americans stopped buying everything from cars to corn flakes in the July-September quarter, ratcheting back spending by the largest amount in 28 years and jolting the national economy into what could be the most painful recession in decades.

With retailers bracing for a grim holiday buying season, the economy isn't just slowing; it's actually shrinking, the government confirmed Thursday. It reported that the nation's gross domestic product declined at an annual rate of 0.3 percent in the year's third quarter and consumers' disposable income took its biggest drop on record.

In simpler words, "The train went off the tracks," said Brian Bethune, economist at IHS global Insight.

Wall Street took comfort in the fact that it wasn't even worse. The Dow Jones industrials rose 190 points.

But economists say tougher times are still ahead. Believing consumers are cutting back even more right now, they predict a much larger economic decline — anywhere from a 1 to 2 percent rate — during the current October-December period. That would meet a classic definition of a recession — two straight quarters of shrinking GDP.

Not that there's any real doubt now.

Clobbered by pink slips, shrinking nest eggs and falling home values — consumers are holding ever tighter to their wallets. The new report said Americans' disposable income fell at an annual rate of 8.7 percent in the quarter, the largest in records dating back to 1947.

The dismal news came just days before the nation picks the next president. Whether Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain wins the White House, he will inherit a deeply troubled economy and a record-high budget deficit that could cramp his spending plans.

Each side said the new figures supported its political case.

"The decline in GDP didn't happen by accident — it is a direct result of the Bush administration's trickle down, Wall Street first, Main Street last policies that John McCain has embraced for the last eight years," Obama said. He pledged to provide tax relief to middle class families and help people facing foreclosure.

Pointing to the economy's sad state, Doug Holtz-Eakin, senior policy adviser for the McCain campaign, shot back that "Barack Obama would accelerate this dangerous course." McCain said his tax cuts, free-trade policies and help to struggling homeowners would help turn things around.

More than in recent recessions, consumers — the lifeblood of the economy — are bearing the brunt of the country's housing, banking and other ailments. The third-quarter decline in their spending was the first in 17 years, and the 3.1 percent annualized cutback was staggering — the most since the spring of 1980 when the country was in the grip of what some call the worst downturn since the Great Depression.

Walloped by such a huge pullback, the economy toppled into negative territory.

The latest reading on GDP, which measures the value of all goods produced within the United States, showed a rapid turn from the 2.8 percent growth rate logged in the second quarter. The new figure was the worst since the 1.4

percent rate of decline in the third quarter of 2001, when the nation was suffering through its most recent recession.

Democrats on Capitol Hill are pushing for another economic stimulus package and are weighing whether to hold a lame duck session before the new president takes office.

Under attack from Democrats and Republicans alike, the White House defended giving billions of bailout dollars to banks that now are rewarding shareholders and executives — or even buying other banks — rather than making loans to consumers and businesses.

Ed Lazear, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, said the government is keeping close tabs on banks' use of the money, but he also said normal activities such as paying performance-related salaries or distributing dividends are allowed under the law Congress passed.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said that "not only rich people get dividend payments," which can form a significant portion of income for retirees and mutual funds.

A collapse of the housing market and locked-up lending have produced the worst financial crisis to hit the country in more than 70 years.

To cushion the fallout, the Fed slashed interest rates on Wednesday by half a percentage point to 1 percent, a level seen only once before in the last half century.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has warned that the country's economic weakness could last for some time — even if the government's unprecedented \$700 billion financial bailout package and other steps do succeed in getting financial and credit markets to operate more normally.

"As of now, most forecasts indicate that we will experience a serious recession, perhaps comparable to the recession of the early 1980s, but nothing like the Great Depression," said Simon Johnson, former chief economist to the International Monetary Fund and senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. During the 1980-1982 recession, unemployment topped 10 percent.

Other analysts, including Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com, predicts the downturn will be much more severe than the 2001 and 1990-1991 recessions but not as bad — in terms of unemployment or lost growth — as the 1980s one.

The unemployment rate, now at 6.1 percent, could hit 8 percent or higher next year.

The Labor Department said Thursday that new claims for unemployment benefits last week held steady at 479,000, an elevated figure that continued to point to troubles in the jobs market.

In the third quarter, consumers cut back on purchases of cars, furniture, household appliances, clothes and almost everything else.

Businesses cut back, too, trimming spending on equipment and software at a 5.5 percent pace, the most since the first quarter of 2002. And home builders slashed spending at a 19.1 percent pace, marking the 11th straight quarterly cutback.

Slower growth for U.S. exports — reflecting less demand from overseas buyers who are coping with their own economic problems — also factored into the weak GDP report. Exports grew at a 5.9 percent pace in the third quarter, less than half the second quarter's 12.3 percent rate.

## Suspect in hoax anthrax scare had done it before

Jason Dearen

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SAN FRANCISCO — A California man suspected of mailing more than 120 hoax anthrax letters to media outlets was interviewed previously by the FBI after a similar mailing in 2007, but he was not charged.

Marc M. Keyser, 66, was interviewed by the FBI in January 2007 for allegedly sending a package containing a small aerosol can labeled "Anthrax," along with a compact disc, to the Sacramento News and Review newspaper, according to a criminal complaint filed Thursday in federal court.

Keyser told agents then that he was using the mailing as a publicity stunt for a novel he had penned, and "to model what would happen if terrorist were to use anthrax ... to show the amount of anthrax a terrorist might spray into the air conditioning system in a shopping mall." The can did not contain anthrax.

Agents warned Keyser that he violated federal law and could be prosecuted, but they didn't arrest him. Agent Filip Colfescu said in the complaint that Keyser at the time apologized for the hoax "and told agents they should not worry, that he would not be doing it again."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Benjamin Wagner, who is prosecuting the current case, said Keyser was not charged in 2007 because "it was a very much more limited conduct at that point. It was one instance. He was admonished."

Keyser was arrested at his home in Sacramento on Wednesday and was charged with three counts of sending hoax anthrax threats by mail. Given the number of packages sent, the number of charges could be increased in coming days. Each count carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, Wagner said.

Keyser could also face tens of thousands of dollars in restitution payments to emergency service providers around the nation, Wagner said. "The totality of it could be quite a piece," he said.

Keyser appeared briefly in U.S. District Court Thursday, and the judge assigned Assistant Federal Defender Rachelle Barbour to his case.

Barbour declined comment outside the courtroom. Keyser is being held in the county jail until a judge rules on whether he can be released on bail. He did not enter a plea and is due back in court Friday.

The investigation began after The Atlantic magazine received a letter Monday. On Thursday, more media outlets reported receiving the packages, including the San Jose Mercury News, Orange County Register, The Star Tribune of Minneapolis, The Courier-Journal in Louisville, Ky., the Boston Herald and the Christian Science Monitor.

Media outlets in North Carolina and Washington state also had received the letters, as had Rep. George Radanovich, R-Calif., and a Sacramento McDonald's. Offices were briefly evacuated in some cases.

So far, none of the packets examined have tested positive for hazardous material, the FBI said.

At least some of the packages had Keyser's return address on them, and agents found 11 more packets in Keyser's car, according to the complaint.

The packages linked to Keyser contained a sugar packet labeled "Anthrax Sample" along with a biohazard symbol, the FBI said in a news release. The CD was titled "Anthrax: Shock & Awe Terror," which Keyser said was the title of his new book.

Keyser's ex-wife, Terri Keyser-Cooper, a civil rights attorney in Reno, Nev., said she was shocked to learn of the arrest when reached by The Associated Press.

"Oh, my God. I have not been in touch with him for years. I have no idea what he's been up to. I cannot imagine him doing any criminal activity," said Keyser-Cooper, 61, who divorced Keyser in 1982. "He certainly was very mild-mannered. He was not in any trouble that I know of."

Keyser had been investigated in 1998 by the Postal Service for mail fraud in regards to thousands of fake collections letters that were sent out by a nonprofit organization started by Keyser, the AIDS Action League. A postal inspector determined that Keyser's scheme didn't violate federal law because he wasn't trying to profit from it.

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# UU Art Gallery features student work

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Rushing through the University Union on the way to class or studying, a student might miss a small place to escape the busy activities of life. Tucked away in the corner of the Epicenter is an art gallery especially designed for students to do just that.

The University Union Art Gallery is completely run by art and design senior Kristin Savage. To make it more comfortable for students and to allow them to avoid the noisy union, she added couches and plants to the space.

All the artwork in the gallery is either created by students or pertains to them in some way. Currently, the gallery is showing architectural renderings, or representations, of the UU remodel that will be started this summer.

Photographs of the current UU are shown opposite the renderings.

"My goal has really been to get students to keep coming into the gallery to look at the different shows," Savage said. "I think it's interesting for students to come in and see other students' work."

The fine arts have always been an interest for Savage who said she remembers walking by the gallery on a campus tour.

"I remember thinking, 'that's cool' and now I run (the gallery)," Savage said.

Savage controls every aspect of the gallery from choosing the artist to designing the show to planning the opening reception for the exhibits. She said she tries to show one student artist each quarter.

Becky Sloat, an art and design major with a photography concentration, will be featured Nov. 5. Her senior project "Sky, Earth, Life: A Journey Through Aotearoa" will display large, panoramic photographs Sloat took while studying abroad in New Zealand.

"The photographs are absolutely gorgeous," Savage said. "They are breathtaking."

Sloat said she hiked in the backcountry of New Zealand for three or four days at a time, taking photographs of the North and South Is-

lands. She made a couple of books of the images, but wanted to do a show for her senior project.

When it's time to do a student show, Savage sends out an e-mail to the art department to find any students who are interested. Sloat sent in samples of her artwork and Savage conducted interviews with her to see if she would be "a good fit" for the gallery.

"I try to choose someone responsible, reliable," Savage said. "I want someone who is worthy of the experience because (the student) can put this on their resume. They had a show that 18,000 people walked by."

"I'd kind of come down to the wire and I needed a place to show," Sloat said. "I'm excited that (the show) is on campus because a lot of people will be stopping by. It will be fun to walk around if you've got time to kill."

"Sky, Earth, Life" was chosen because its photographs deal with studying abroad, which is big for students, Savage said. The photographs feature nature scenes — also a popular genre.

Reviews of previous shows at the gallery have been positive for the most part, Savage said. She tries not to interact too much with the people who visit because she said she wants to give them space to enjoy the art.

"It's a lot of work," Savage said. "You'd be surprised how much planning goes into a show. It's difficult because, once you get it up, it doesn't stop there. You have to keep getting students to come in and look at the art."

Sloat said her show will give students a unique perspective of New Zealand because she didn't take any "typical tourist tours." Instead she "went off the beaten path" to take pictures of the mountains and views where she could see for miles around.

"I think it will be a great experience," Sloat said. "I've never had a gallery show before. It will be fun to see my work displayed. Just doing the project itself was a great experience."

"Sky, Earth, Life" will be on display in the UU Gallery through Jan. 16 with a reception on Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. in the gallery.



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Art and Design senior Becky Sloat's senior project "Sky, Earth, Life: A Journey Through Aotearoa" is on display through Jan. 16.

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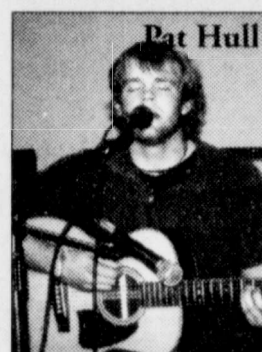


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## Figaro, Figaro, Figaro! PAC offers night at the opera

Samantha MacConnell

MUSTANG DAILY

An evening filled with disguises, mischief and mayhem sounds like a typical Halloween night for a college student, but tonight the Pacific Repertory Opera presents "The Marriage of Figaro," which will offer all of this and more.

"The Marriage of Figaro is best fit for Halloween because the entire story is about disguises and deceit," said Brighton Hushing-Kline, assistant to the managing director at the Pacific Repertory Opera. "It's a great way to start the evening."

"The Marriage of Figaro" (Le nozze di Figaro) is an 18th century Italian comic opera, one of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's most famous works.

"Opera is where classical composition in its best form meets vocal composition in its best form," Brighton Hushing-Kline said. "An opera singer is trained so well in (his or her) voice."

The opera will take place in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center as the first opera of the season, for two nights only. The evening will begin with a lecture before the show by artistic director Robert Ashens, which will give audience members a history, storyline and profile of characters.

"He does it in such a way that you're connected to the opera by coming to the pre-show talk," Mikele Hushing-Kline, managing

director at the Pacific Repertory Opera said.

Figaro, a barber and valet for the Count, is to wed Susanna, who is the handmaid to the Countess. Chaos erupts when the Count chases Susanna and the maid Marcellina chases Figaro. To add to the chaos, teenage Cherubino chases after any female. According to the Pacific Repertory Opera Web site, the plot revolves around eavesdropping, gossiping, closet hiding and window jumping.

"It's really funny," said Brighton Hushing-Kline.

"The director may know opera really well, but he also knows a younger audience really well," he said. "The opera is funny, well-staged, the costumes are great, and the sets are beautiful."

Although the opera will be performed in Italian to preserve the originality and rhyme scheme, which would be difficult to retain in an English translation, audience members will have no trouble understanding, thanks to the subtitles.

Some students from Cal Poly will be performing in the show. Cal Poly music major Kristen Choi will perform as one of the lead characters, Barbarina. Other students' roles range from peasant girls to singing in the chorus.

"The Marriage of Figaro" will debut at 8 p.m. today and tomorrow in the Performing Arts Center. The pre-show talk will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.50-\$32.50 with a student ID.

## Court weighs California law on violent video games

Samantha Young

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — A federal appeals panel on Wednesday considered whether California can ban the sale of violent video games to minors.

The three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held a rare hearing in Sacramento to take arguments over a 2005 state law.

It prohibits the sale or rental of violent video games to anyone under the age of 18 and requires that such games be clearly labeled. Video game manufacturers argue that it violates minors' First Amendment rights and won a decision in a lower court last year.

Courts in several other states have struck down similar laws.

Appellate Judge Consuelo Callahan said upholding California's law would mark a significant expansion of the kind of material that federal courts have traditionally regulated.

"Aren't you asking this court to go where no court has gone before?" Callahan asked the state's attorney at the beginning of the hearing.

California Deputy Attorney General Zackery Morazzini urged the panel to take that step. He said states have every right to help parents who want to keep their children from playing violent video games.

The U.S. Supreme Court already has limited sexually explicit material from children. Violent video games are just as obscene, Morazzini argued.

"I believe the Supreme Court has left that

door wide open," he told the panel.

The Video Software Dealers Association and Entertainment Software Association say imposing restrictions on video games could lead to dangerous territory, in which states could seek to restrict other material under the guise of protecting children.

"Maybe a state will say we shouldn't let you sell, without a parent's permission, books about homosexuality or sex education or birth control," Paul Smith, the industry's attorney, told reporters after the hearing. "I think it's a very scary prospect."

That potential for creating a slippery slope also was explored by the justices.

"Is there anything out of limits for the Legislature to prohibit to minors?" Judge Alex Kozinski said. "What about games where people eat unhealthy foods and get fat?"

"What's the difference between a violent video game and a violent book?" asked Judge Sidney Thomas.

In response, the state's attorney argued that video games are interactive, requiring a child to participate in the violence as opposed to simply reading a book or watching a movie.

State Sen. Leland Yee, D-San Francisco, a child psychologist who wrote the law, cited studies that show violent games can be linked to aggressiveness, anti-social behavior and desensitization to violence.

"I am hopeful that the 9th Circuit will overturn the lower court's decision and help empower parents with the ultimate decision over whether or not their children play in a

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# Authors, publishers settle suit against Google

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NEW YORK — Eager to cool the debate over copyrighted text online and anxious to make some money, Google and the publishing industry announced Tuesday that they have settled their three-year legal battle over the Internet giant's book search program.

Under an agreement reached by Google, the Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers, librarians and the public will have an easier time tracking down millions of out-of-print books. At the same time, Google and the book business will have greater opportunities for online sales.

"We're trying to create a new structure where there will be more access to out-of-print books, with benefits both to readers and researchers and to the rights holders of those books — authors and publishers," Richard Sarnoff, chairman of the publishers association, said Tuesday in an interview.

"This is an extraordinary accomplishment," Paul N. Courant, university librarian for the University of Michigan, said in a statement. "It will now be possible, even easy, for anyone to access these great collections from anywhere in the United States."

Under the Google Print Library Project, snippets from millions of out-of-print, but copyrighted books have been indexed online by Michigan and other libraries. Google has called the project, which also scans public domain works, an invaluable chance for books to receive increased exposure.

But in a class-action suit filed in 2005, the Authors Guild alleged that Google was "engaging in massive copyright infringement." Within weeks, publishers also sued, citing the "continuing, irreparable and imminent harm publishers are suffering ... due to Google's willful (copyright) infringement to further its own commercial purposes."

The settlement expands the amount of text to be scanned, makes it available for free online at "designated" libraries, available for subscription for colleges and universities, and allows readers to pay for full online access of copyrighted works.

Google is to contribute \$125 million, including about \$34.5 million for a nonprofit Book Rights Registry that will store copyright information and coordinate payments. Google will also pay for the millions of copyrighted books already scanned — \$60 per complete work to the rights holder — and for the legal fees of the Authors Guild and publishing association. Any sales, subscription and advertisement revenue that occur through the search program will be divided 63 percent and 37 percent, respectively, between the copyright holders and Google.

"This may be the biggest book deal in publishing history," guild executive director Paul Aiken said Tuesday.

If approved by the U.S. District Court in Manhattan, the settlement will end a conflict that had been closely followed by the publishing industry as it examines how copyright law should work on the Internet and whether sales are hurt or harmed by access to digital text. Authors and publishers once strongly resisted free online books, but over the past year, they have softened. During the year, entire works have been made viewable and even downloadable for free, including Charles Bock's novel, "Beautiful Children," and works by Paulo Coelho and Neil Gaiman.

The court is expected to rule on the agreement by next summer.

Since emerging as the Internet's most influential and profitable company, Google has fended off a variety of claims alleging that some of its success has been built in the legally protected work of others.

News organizations have either filed lawsuits or

threatened legal action against Google for including snippets of copyright stories on its site. Companies have also sued Google for selling the right to show advertisements tied to a trademarked term entered into its search engine. In 2005, The Associated Press and Google disagreed on intellectual property issues, but were able to reach an amicable business solution in January 2006.

Google still faces an even bigger copyright battle over its popular video-sharing site, YouTube. Viacom Inc. is seeking at least \$1 billion in damages in a lawsuit alleging that YouTube has illegally profited by tens of thousands of pirated clips from copyrighted shows like "South Park," "SpongeBob SquarePants" and "MTV Unplugged."

Google, which bought YouTube for \$1.76 billion two years ago, has adamantly denied the allegations and blasted Viacom for threatening to stifle free expression on the Internet. A trial date in that New York federal court case still hasn't been scheduled.

Publishers are increasingly counting on the Internet to help increase sales, and Tuesday's announcement comes as the industry wonders, and worries, how badly it will be hurt by the shrinking economy.

Publishers have often boasted that books are "recession proof" because of their low cost compared to other forms of entertainment. But the market has been soft for years and a division of Random House Inc., the Doubleday Publishing Group, said Tuesday that 16 employees had been laid off, including a receptionist and members of the marketing and art departments.

"I believe I would be speaking for many others when I say that we do not see ourselves as being immune from the recession," said spokesman David Drake of Doubleday. The group has struggled with commercial disappointments such as Andrew Davidson's highly publicized novel, "The Gargoyle," and by the continued absence of a follow-up to Dan Brown's mega-selling "The Da Vinci Code."

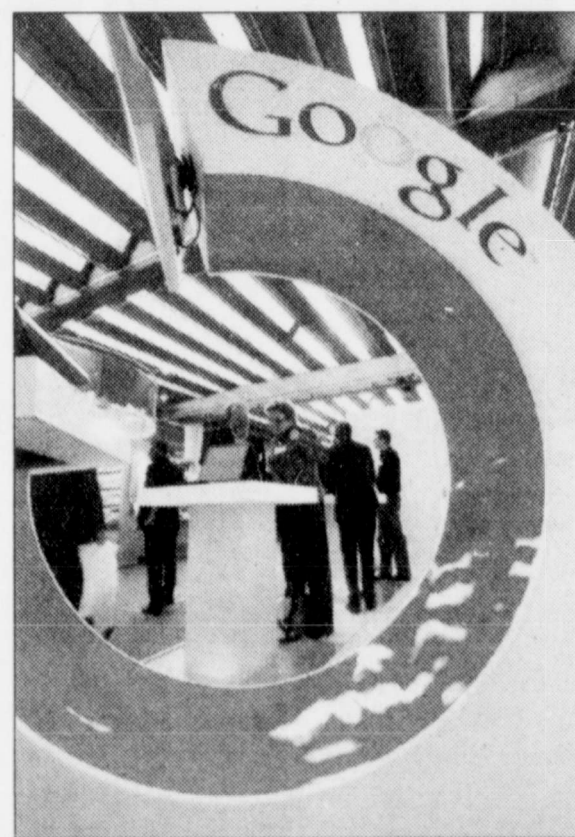
Drake said he had no news on when Brown would finish his novel, reportedly about Freemasons, and rumored for years to be near completion. "The Da Vinci Code" came out in 2003.

"Many people, including the retailers, would like to have a new Dan Brown," Drake said.

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## Games

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world of violence and murder," he said in a statement released after the hearing.

The industry argued that California failed to prove there is a connection between such games and psychological or other harm to children.

Smith, the industry attorney, said video game manufacturers already have a voluntary rating system for their games. The lower court sided with the industry on both those points.

At the hearing, Kozinski questioned why the industry should not be forced to label video games, saying parents could still choose to buy whatever games they wanted for their children.



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"I've always wanted to poke a clock."

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## CAMPUS RESPONSE TO RACISM

guest column

### Racist statements: Shocking, but protected

"No niggers, no fags, no hippies." To some these words are shocking, to some they are sadly unsurprising, and to all reasonable people they are offensive. While going about life on a campus that is relatively racially homogeneous, yet generally accepting, it is sometimes difficult to imagine that such backward attitudes still exist in the world. But they do, and they often hide among us. Although racism has become socially unacceptable in recent decades, prejudices of all types still run strong and we won't get rid of them by pretending we can't see them.

The student body has shown an encouraging response to the actions of the students involved, rising up to denounce these hateful ideas and reminding the community that Cal Poly will not stand for such vitriol. However, the passion of those eager to correct a wrong often leads them, even with good intentions, astray from the judicious path. Many students are incensed at the administration's (lack of) response to the situation, and have shown up in numbers to protest the decision.

But the administration did exactly what they should have. As vile as the statements are, they are still protected by the offending students' First Amendment rights. As former Secretary of State Colin Powell put it, "Free speech is intended to protect the controversial and even outrageous word; and not just comforting platitudes too mundane to need protection."

Freedom of speech is the most vital tenet of our democracy. It is the means by which ideas circulate and opinions are swayed. But this freedom is most important in times when it is reviled. People's ideas, no matter how backward or offensive, are their own property and cannot be regulated by any government or institution. A majority has no right to suppress a minority opinion under any circumstances. The founding fathers understood this and built protections into our constitution against what they referred to as the "tyranny of the majority." As long as someone is not infringing upon your rights, they are (and should be) free to express any idea they choose. If the party was sponsored by an Associated Students, Inc. club or fraternity, Cal Poly would be right to revoke their charter, but as an independent group of students, their rights remain ... especially on a college campus, where free exchange of thought is paramount.

Like it or not, there is absolutely no constitutional right for citizens to be protected from speech they don't want to hear. This is something that far too few people in this country understand, and it also brings up a larger issue. There has been a disturbing trend, fueled both by politicians and by media sources, in that people are inclined to support or vote for a policy that affects other people's rights because of their personal beliefs. Your beliefs are your own and nobody can take them from you, but you have absolutely no right to enforce them upon other people.

If you have moral objections to gay marriage, for instance, it may feel right to vote for a state proposition banning it. But think further down the line—no matter who you are, you share an opinion with the minority in some issues. Do you want other people voting on your beliefs? Who gets to decide? Should other people have say in your marriage, or the way you raise your kids, or whether you can smoke cigarettes or eat trans fats or listen to music with profanity? Do you really want the government teaching your future kids about morals?

The only sensible course of action in a democracy is to let people retain the freedom to choose for themselves. The freedom that allows you to be a bigot is the same freedom that allows you to criticize the government, to teach your children what you think will help them succeed in life, and ultimately to vote on policies or candidates that affect everyone.

My advice to all who read this is to take a step back and look at your beliefs. On Tuesday, try voting with your head instead of your heart. Don't vote for McCain because he's a veteran or Obama because he's black or Proposition 8 because of the Bible; vote based on the issues, the facts, the Constitution, and what will truly be best for our country. Renounce the hateful actions of those who dishonor our campus with their intolerance, but don't try to strip them of their constitutional right to do so. Above all, fight to preserve the liberty this country was founded upon, whether you agree with how it's being used.

Andy Scott is a mechanical engineering senior and a Mustang Daily guest columnist.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Disappointed

As a newspaper that prides itself on relaying the truth, I am very disappointed in the Daily that there was no mention of the recent "hate crimes" on campus. I am also very disappointed in both the administration for their lack

of response to this occurrence and in the residents of the on-campus crops house that carried this out. I don't understand how a sign reading "No Niggers, No Fags, No Hippies" along with a noose and a Confederate flag can be adorned on campus without severe reprimand. Not only is it malicious, it makes our campus and community-at-large appear racist and ignorant. To those students who did such a thing, you should be ashamed of yourselves. Grow up! And shame on the administration as well.

Kate Mesman  
Journalism sophomore

#### We deserve an apology

In light of the recent displays of racial tension on campus, I've decided that it is time I am completely forthright with you. Because I am a minority (being half black and half white) I would really appreciate it if everyone would racially segregate me. We could also get rid of the Black Theater class (TH 320), ENGL 382x (which is the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender in Media class — doesn't matter, it's only open once a year) and, heck, the whole women's studies department at this point is a complete waste.

Remember the incident last year with Smile and Nod? Did not an ethnic studies teacher point out their supposedly "minstrel" picture on a poster? If I remember correctly, the theater department took away all their shows and they apologized to the head of ethnic studies as well as

the school as a whole. Well, ethnic studies teacher, where are you now? And women's studies — where are you? LGBT — I think this is a call to action. How dare this campus merely slap the wrists of these college students who think it is appropriate to stereotype and objectify their hard-working, equal counter parts. This isn't just an attack racially but it's our sexuality and gender that is at stake here too! This is an attack on diversity — one of Cal Poly's "founding" philosophies. I don't want an email telling me these students apologized; I want to hear it. I pay more than \$17,000 like everybody else on this campus and I want to hear my deserved apology.

Chelsea Brown  
Theater senior

#### Prejudice and mistrust

Reports of two student parties recently held at Cal Poly's Crops House contained allegations of a sign displaying racial epithets and other derogatory language, as well as the presence of other questionable materials.

We are investigating details of these incidents and meeting with students involved. We, as department and college leaders, wish to express our dismay over these reprehensible incidents.

As members of the larger university community, we found the incident reports disturbing and completely counter to the principle of civil discourse which the college and university try to impart to all our students.

CAFES has often been described as the friendliest college at Cal Poly, for good reason. The vast majority of our students are responsible, hard-working, ethical young people, with respect for different points of view.

The potential harm to our Horticulture and Crop Science Department, CAFES, and university from these incidents should not be underestimated. Our supporters expect us to provide well-rounded graduates with a global perspective to fuel the state's workforce. These supporters include current and prospective students, their parents, alumni and friends, our donors and employers who hire our graduates.

We would like to assure our stakeholders that the Horticulture and Crop Science Department, CAFES and Cal Poly strongly endorse the values of tolerance, inclusiveness, and respect for all people.

John Peterson, Wyatt Brown, John Phillips, David Headrick, David Hannings, Michael Costello, Jeff Wong, Virginia Walter, Keith Patterson, Dan Lassanske, Terry Vassey, Lauren Gardner  
Horticulture and Crop Science chair and faculty



Dozens of students protested in the University Union Thursday in response to racist paraphernalia displayed at a Cal Poly Crops House party.

**EDITORS' NOTE:** There is some dispute about the phrase "No niggers, no fags, no hippies" referenced in various opinions submissions on this page. Although word has spread around campus and local media implied that this phrase was publicly displayed, further conversations with the crop science students show that this may not have been the case. The Mustang Daily does not condone this language, but has republished it for clarification purposes. For the full story, please see the news stories on the front page.



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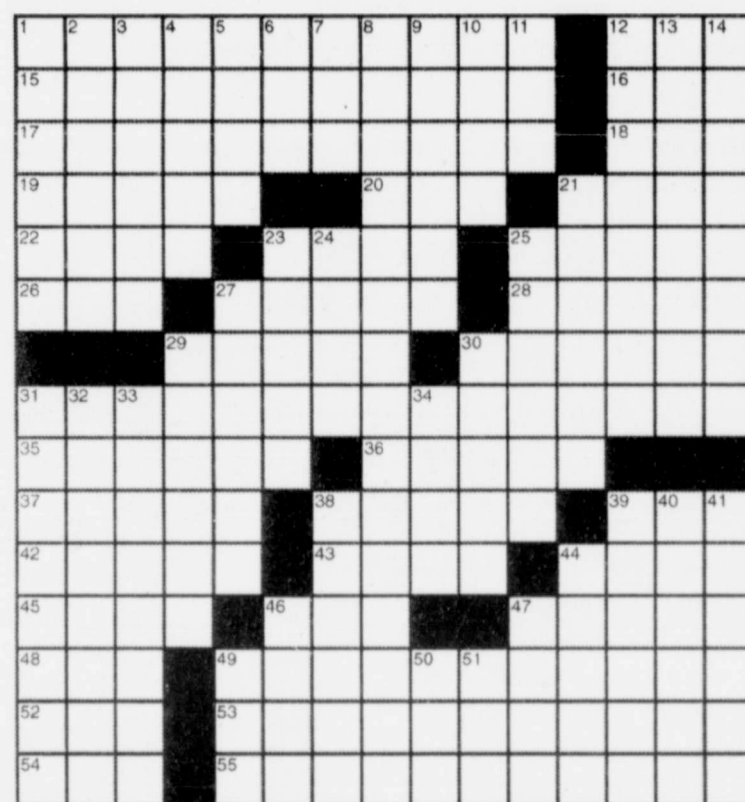
## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0919

- Across**
- 1 Source of troubles
  - 12 \_\_\_ of God
  - 15 "Later!"
  - 16 What the 1939 50,000-word novel "Gadsby" completely lacks
  - 17 Bank offerings
  - 18 "Uh-huh"
  - 19 Turns down
  - 20 Spirit
  - 21 \_\_\_ leaf
  - 22 Irritation suffix
  - 23 Irritated, after "in"
  - 25 Like most music
  - 26 Persian, e.g.
  - 27 Not yet delivered, after "in"
  - 28 W.W. II air ace who lent his name to an airport
  - 29 Wee hour
  - 30 Meyerbeer output
  - 31 \_\_\_ Day (September 19)
  - 35 How some dares are done
  - 36 Outline
  - 37 Bar tenders?: Abbr.
  - 38 Places for dust to collect
  - 39 Assn.
  - 42 Apparently is
  - 43 Insurance providers, for short
  - 44 "Super Trouper" group, 1980
  - 45 Kind of delay
  - 46 Poke
  - 47 Packers QB whose #15 jersey is retired
  - 48 LAX datum
  - 49 One end of the Welland Canal
  - 52 Hi-\_\_\_
  - 53 At someone's mercy
  - 54 Ones needing career counseling, maybe: Abbr.
  - 55 Shell locations
- Down**
- 1 Eat out?
  - 2 Hindu drink of the gods
  - 3 Play with the line "Hell is other people"
  - 4 Guys
  - 5 Revolutionary patriot James
  - 6 Start to smell, maybe
  - 7 Union inits. starting in 1886
  - 8 "Well, I'll be!" as it might be said on September 19
  - 9 \_\_\_ Santiago, 1987 N.L. Rookie of the Year
  - 10 City near Provo
  - 11 Scratches, with "out"
  - 12 "Later!"
  - 13 200 milligrams
  - 14 Like soldiers known as Gurkhas
  - 21 Stick
  - 23 Wiped out, slangily
  - 24 Top
  - 25 What debaters debate
  - 27 Hedge word
  - 29 "That's fine"

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- 31 Some diner equipment
- 32 It has a long tongue
- 33 Student excuser
- 34 Live folk album of 1968
- 38 D.T.'s
- 39 Italian restaurant chain
- 40 TV newswoman Soledad
- 41 Doorstep numbers?
- 44 \_\_\_ 2600 (hit product of the 1970s-'80s)
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- 47 "This instant!"
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# Football

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59 passes for 469 yards.

Mustangs head coach Rich Ellerson said Cal Poly's first-half struggles stemmed not necessarily from flaws in alignment or personnel, but simply in mindset.

"You're watching a game like that and you think every time the ball gets thrown, it's supposed to get caught," he said. "Somehow that picture can get planted in people's minds, including the defenders' minds."

Ellerson said there wasn't "an awful lot technically that changed" at halftime other than the mentality to compete for passes.

"We imposed our will," he said. "We changed the picture in their mind. They put a picture in our head in the first half and we put our picture

back in theirs in the second. Frankly, it came down to, when the ball came down, whose was it?"

At halftime, Cal Poly's coaching staff told players, "How you play now is who you are," Ellerson explained. "This isn't just a game, just 'Oh shucks, something bad happened.' We're going to make a statement about who we are."

In the second half, the Mustangs held Southern Utah scoreless until 43 seconds remained.

"I like who we are," Ellerson said of the defense.

Cal Poly's offense, which starts seniors at every skill position — and features the FCS' top-rated passer in Jonathan Dally and Division I's leading receiver in Ramses Barden — has had seven players amass at least 200 all-purpose yards.

Cal Poly senior receiver Tre'dale Tolver said the game against Southern

Utah, in which both teams combined for more than 1,100 yards of total offense, was "definitely the most exciting game" he'd ever played in.

"I looked up (at the scoreboard) and was like, 'Are you serious?'" Mustangs junior running back Jono Grayson said of marveling at the 42 first-quarter points Cal Poly and Southern Utah combined for.

Just three seniors start defensively for Cal Poly.

"Everybody expected us to play well offensively," Ellerson said. "The reason I think we can progress here is because I really believe this defense will mature and is maturing into something really formidable to complement that."

The Mustangs, who lead the FCS with four-and-a-half sacks per game, will be facing the subdivision's seventh-best passing attack.

Bengals sophomore Russel Hill

has completed 61.4 percent of his 355 passes for 2,322 yards and 14 touchdowns with 13 interceptions.

Eddie Thompson has been his primary target. The 5-foot-11 senior receiver's 55 catches through seven games place him second in FCS per-game averages.

Junior Jaron Taylor isn't far behind, taking his 47 catches for team highs of 621 yards and six scores.

Thompson left the Bengals' loss to Portland State with an ankle injury, but is "getting better" according to Zamberlin, who said Wednesday he expects him to be "ready to go."

Defensively, the Bengals are led by senior linebacker Ryan Phipps, a transfer from Oregon who has a team-best 71 tackles, and 6-2 senior cornerback D.J. Clark, who intercepted two passes in the end zone last week.

"Last year they matched us in athleticism tit-for-tat," Tolver said.

Clearly, however, the Mustangs executed better.

"There could be slivers from last year's game in the back of your head, but that's not what we're playing," Grayson said.

Cal Poly, which can't have an automatic postseason bid in the five-team Great West Conference, was put in a bind when McNeese State canceled the teams' third-week meeting due to Hurricane Ike.

Consequently, the Mustangs, left with a 10-game slate and needing at least seven wins against fully-fledged Division I competition for at-large consideration, likely have to win their three final FCS games — starting Saturday.

"There really aren't bad teams in college football," Grayson said. "Every weekend can be a season-changer, no matter what a team's record is."

# Fantasy

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Ryan Torain (RB) — With the injuries and inconsistencies that have plagued the Denver running game this season, the rookie running back Torain has a good chance to make an impact toward the end of the season. Torain has not been active this year due to an elbow injury, so this week will be his first crack at some playing time.

## Injuries and solutions:

Jason Witten (TE) — Although it looks like a game-time decision, Witten has a broken rib and is likely to sit out Sunday's game against the Giants. If he is unable to play, rookie Martellus Bennett should get the start. Even if he does end up playing, Tony Romo will still be sitting, minimizing Witten's value.

Have any roster problems that were not addressed? Since I can't look at specific roster needs, I'd be happy to give any advice on your potential pick-ups, trades and sit-start decisions. Good luck this week. Here are the byes: San Diego, New Orleans, San Francisco and Carolina.

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## women's basketball

# Mustangs picked fifth, seventh in Big West

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly women's basketball team was picked to finish fifth in the Big West Conference by coaches and seventh by members of the media at the Big West Conference media day Wednesday.

UC Riverside was tabbed to win the conference for the third straight year. The Highlanders return their top seven scorers from last year's third-place team, including 2006-07 Big West Player of the Year Kemie Nkele. The senior forward missed most of last year after suffering a season-ending injury just six games into the campaign.

UC Santa Barbara, which won the conference last year with a 15-1 mark, was picked to finish second in both polls.

UC Riverside was the 'only team to have two players named to the preseason all-conference team, with senior guard Seyram Gbewonyo joining Nkele. Also on the six-woman team were seniors Haylee Donaghe of UC Davis, Karina Figueroa of Long Beach State, Jenna Green of UC Santa Barbara and Toni Thomas of Cal State Fullerton.

The Mustangs return three starters from last year's 13-19 team, in-

cluding All-Big West first team selection Megan Harrison.

Cal Poly, which tied for fifth in the Big West last season with an 8-8 conference mark, made a run in the Big West tournament before bowing out to eventual tournament champion UC Santa Barbara in the semifinal.

The Mustangs tip off their season at 1 p.m. Nov. 8 when they host Cal State Monterey Bay in an exhibition at Mott Gym.

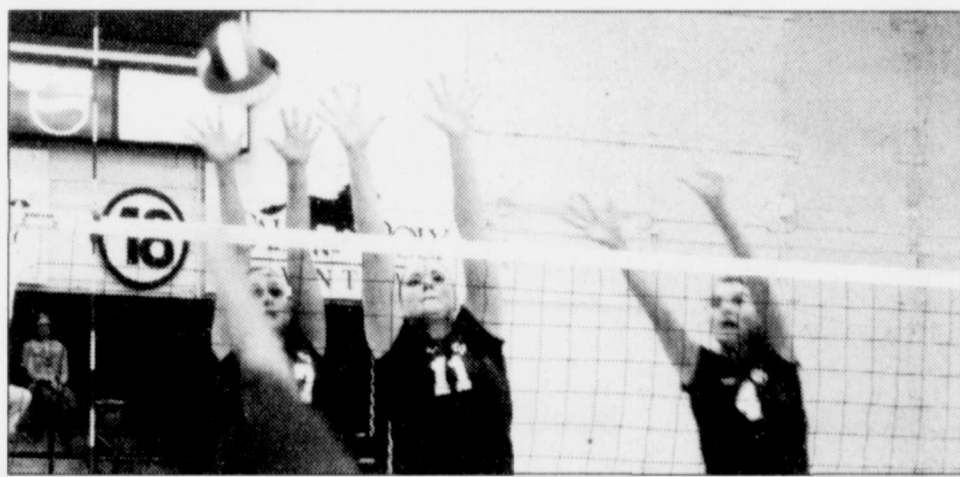
*Editor's Note: For a full preview of the women's basketball season, see the Mustang Daily in the coming week.*

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## women's volleyball

# Poly looks to stay on top



KRISTEN HAYS MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly's Hailey Fithian (17), Jaclyn Houston (11) and Caitlin Smith team for a block during a 3-0 win Friday. The Big West Conference-leading Mustangs (13-7, 8-1) visit Pacific at 7 tonight and UC Davis at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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## football

### Cal Poly, Idaho State defenses unlikely to rest



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HELMETS BY NICK CATANIA  
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Donovan Aird  
MUSTANG DAILY

Four years before Jared Allen was sacking NFL quarterbacks as an all-pro defensive end, he was at Idaho State wrecking opposing backfields, and Cal Poly wasn't immune.

The current Minnesota Viking not only scored two touchdowns during a 38-31 win at Cal Poly on Nov. 15, 2003, but he made nine solo tackles, including a crucial fourth-and-goal stop of Mustangs quarterback Chris Peterson.

How times have changed.

The Bengals, once feared for their defense, enter Saturday's 6:05 p.m. contest with the Mustangs at Alex G. Spanos Stadium winless and giving up 478.6 yards per game — dead last in the Football Championship Sub-division (formerly Division I-AA).

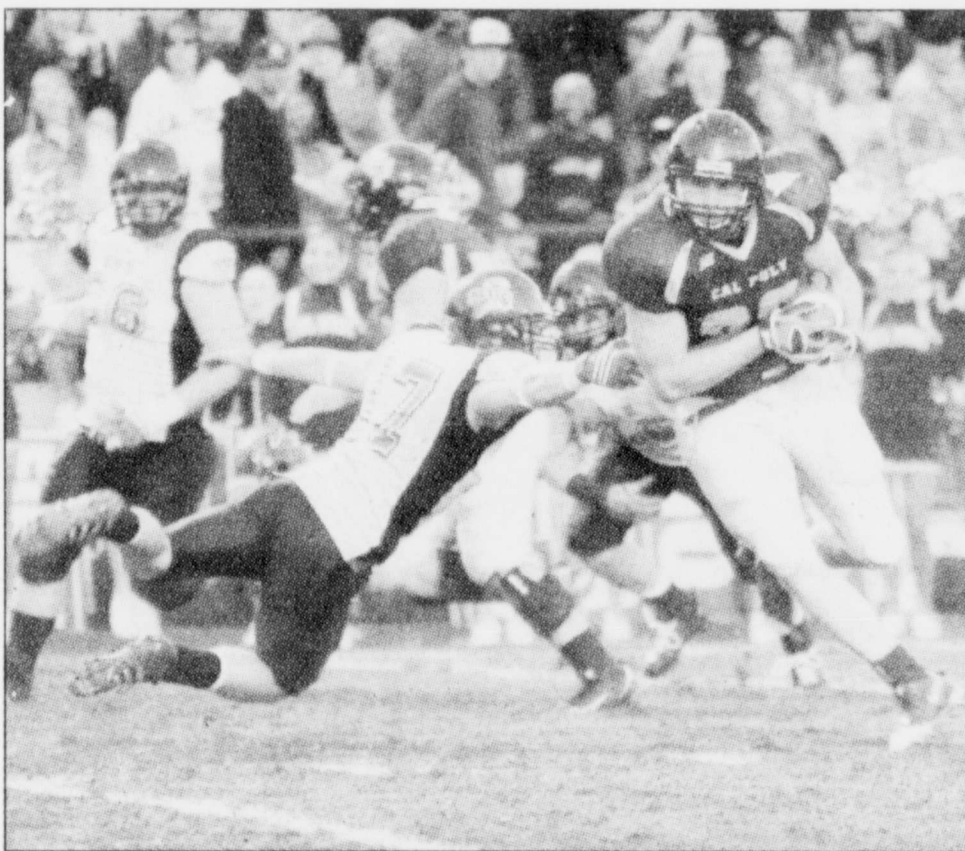
That doesn't seem too fortuitous against Cal Poly (5-1) — which is ranked third in the FCS coaches poll, fourth in the media poll and averages an FCS-best 44.8 points per game.

Their meeting comes on the heels of last year, when the Mustangs won 48-28 in Pocatello, Idaho. They held the ball for nearly 37 minutes while amassing 687 yards of total offense.

"They scorched us," Idaho State head coach John Zamberlin said.

It may be more of the same Saturday.

Cal Poly is coming off of a 69-41 win over Southern Utah in which it set a program Division I record for



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly junior fullback Jon Hall (right) turns up field on a 33-yard touchdown reception during the Mustangs' 69-41 win Saturday.

points in a game.

"Cal Poly's playing extremely well," Zamberlin said. "They present a lot of different options."

In their last game, though, the Bengals (0-8) were within 16-13 of Portland State before losing 36-13. The Bengals defense, which starts three sophomores and a freshman, allowed just 12 rushing yards and claimed four turnovers.

"We've given up some big plays this year because we've had a lot of

injuries up front and have guys playing for the first time right now," Zamberlin said. "I thought we played well enough last week to win."

Although Cal Poly's offense could say the same, its defense gave up five touchdowns in the first half, which Southern Utah trailed just 35-34. Four of the scores came through the air, setting the tone for a night when the Thunderbirds completed 34 of

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Fantasy Football  
Friday  
COMMENTARY



### Young unknowns worth a look

Mat Adams  
ON FANTASY FOOTBALL

Welcome to Week 9 of the football season. It seems like this year has been full of players sitting for non-injury reasons. Larry Johnson may not suit up again for the remainder of the season, while the Giants' top receiver, Plaxico Burress, has missed a game for skipping a team meeting and last week was benched for the first quarter after missing a therapy session. Now it looks like Deuce McAllister is going to eventually be suspended for using a banned substance. These occurrences serve to be a good reminder that handcuffing players and stashing backups will remain important through the last few weeks.

#### Pickups and plays of the week:

Donnie Avery (WR) — The rookie receiver has been a fantastic option the last three weeks and should continue his dominance this week against the Cardinals. Last week he recorded 163 yards and a TD. He's most likely off the shelf by now, but if you have him, don't hesitate to play him the rest of the way.

Ted Ginn Jr. (WR) — After grabbing 175 yards last week, it's hard not to give Ginn a roster spot. Sunday's game against Denver gives him a perfect opportunity to repeat his fantasy usefulness and solidify himself as a serious threat in the Miami passing game. Ginn's counterpart, Chad Pennington, is also worth a look as a bye-week filler.

Marc Bulger (QB) — He rewarded owners that started him last week by throwing for 304 yards and a TD. This week he faces the soft Arizona defense (Remember Brett Favre's six-TD performance?), which should give him a good opportunity to match or exceed last week's numbers.

#### Running backs to stash:

BenJarvus Ellis-Green (RB) — The New England running back carousel continues with Sammy Morris out for at least this week, Lamont Jordan still hurt and Laurence Maroney done for the year. Kevin Faulk is the current starter but Ellis-Green is the goal-line back and found pay dirt last week. If he continues to succeed, he could work himself into a more involved role right in time for the fantasy playoffs.

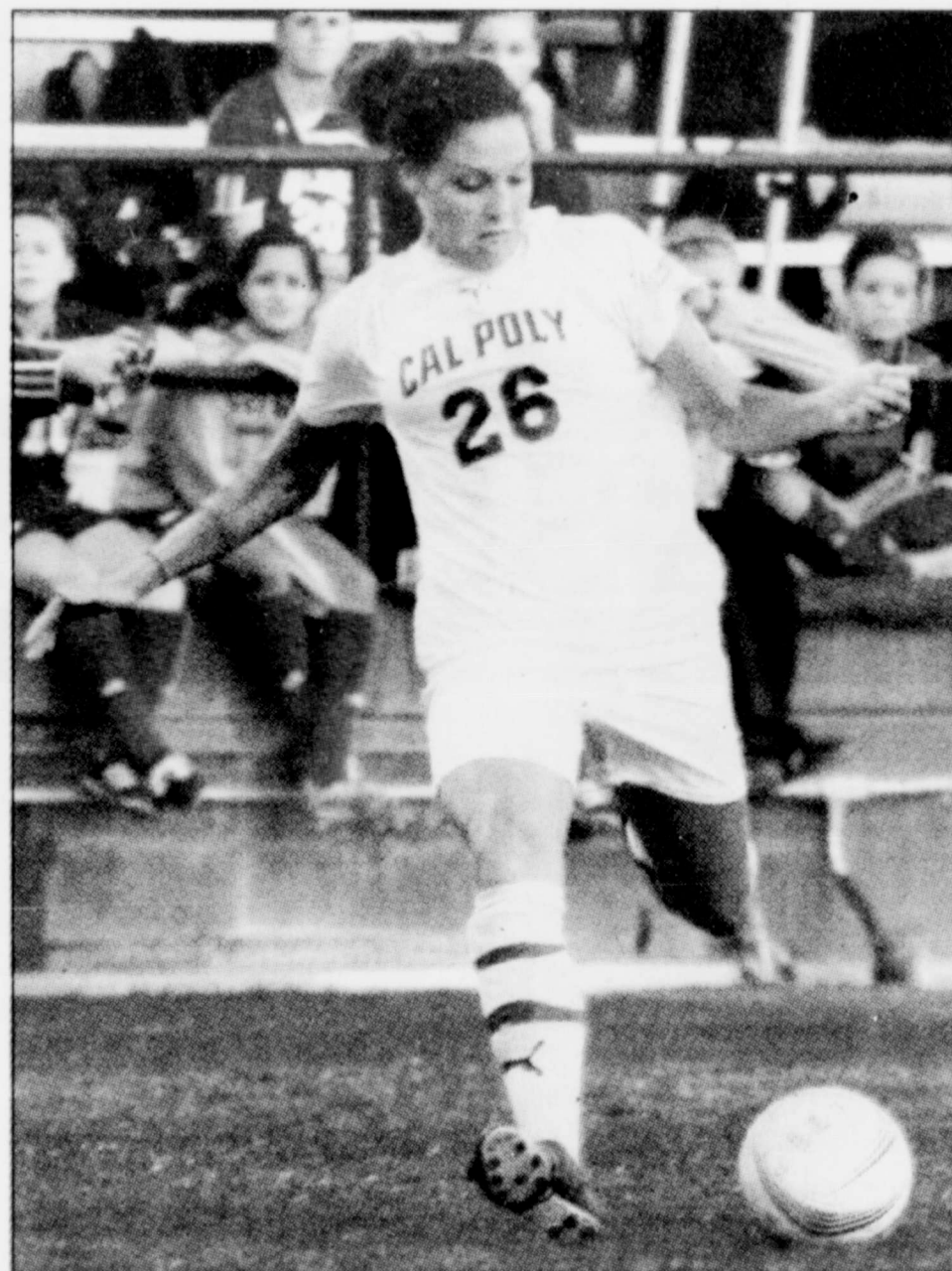
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## soccer

### Doubleheader has playoff implications



ANDREW SANTOS-JOHNSON SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Left, Cal Poly's David Zamora (10) defends during a 1-0 loss to UC Santa Barbara on Oct. 17. Right, the Mustangs' Carrie Andrews passes during a 4-2 loss, also to the Gauchos, on Oct. 19. The Cal Poly women's soccer team (9-8, 4-2) will host UC Irvine at 7 tonight in Alex G. Spanos Stadium, and will welcome Long Beach State at noon Sunday. After the latter match, the Cal Poly men's soccer team (9-4-4, 4-2-2) will host UC Davis at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Both the men and the women are third in the Big West Conference standings. If they remain in the top four, they'll make the conference tournament.